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1 What does a society need to have before the division of labor occurs?

- A A writing system
- B A common religious faith
- C A food surplus
- D An irrigation system

2 In which modern region was Sumer located?

- A The Middle East
- B North Africa
- C Southeast Asia
- D Western Europe

3 How did the Sumerians irrigate their crops?

- A With water from the Persian Gulf
- B With rainwater
- C With seawater
- D With river water

4  Which Sumerians worked atop ziggurats?

- A Politicians
- B Priests
- C Military leaders
- D Scribes

5 In what way did Sumer differ from societies that came before it?

- A Older societies cultivated corn; the Sumerians cultivated wheat
- B Older societies had many gods; the Sumerians only worshipped one god
- C Older societies were based on hunting and gathering; Sumerian society was based on agriculture
- D Older societies warred with one another; Sumerian society was always at peace

6 Which of the following is an opinion about the Sumerians?

- A Much of their writing has been translated into modern languages
- B Their society was far more advanced than Ancient Egyptian society
- C They were among the earliest civilizations on Earth
- D Sumerian ruins still exist in the nation of Iraq

7 How was the Sumerian numeral system different from ours?

- A The Sumerian system was based on 60; ours is based on 10
- B The Sumerian system contained negative numbers; ours doesn't
- C The Sumerian system could not be written down; ours can
- D The Sumerian system could not be used to add and subtract; ours can

8 What is the best definition for the word "civilization?"

- A An area with a literate population and an industrial economy
- B A country whose people all speak the same language
- C A society based on hunting and gathering
- D A society with unique social, cultural, and political systems

9 What was the main reason the Sumerians developed writing?

- A To write history
- B To write laws
- C To keep track of trade
- D To describe agricultural techniques

10  Sumer was a decentralized collection of city-states. What does this mean?

- A Each city-state had its own god
- B There was a single capital city
- C There was no single ruler of the whole region
- D Each city-state had its own language